

worship the gods with sacred rites and
 holy hymns;
 and so, adorable (deities), may yon, who
 are wor-
 shipped and glorified, the givers of
 dwellings, the
 invincible, universal gods, ever be adored,
 (together
 with your) wives.

StfKTAII. (II.)

The deities and **JRishi** as before; the metre of the
 thirteenth and
 two following verses is *Ushnih*, of the sixteenth
Anushtubh,
 and of the rest *TrishtuWu*

ai^a xi. 1. The expansive, illuminating,
 ^obstructive, pure,
 and beautiful radiance of the sun,
 grateful to MITRA
 and VARUNA, having risen, shines like the
 ornament
 of the sky.

2. He who knows the three cognisable
 (worlds);
 the sage (who knows) the mysterious birth of
 the
 divinities (abiding in them);¹ he who is
 beholding
 the good and evil acts of mortals, he, the sun,
 the
 lord, makes manifest their intentions.

3. I praise you, protectors of the solemn
 sacrifice,
 the well-horn ADITI, MITRA and VARUNA, and ARTA-
 MAN and BIIAGA : I celebrate the gods whose acts
 are
 unimpeded, the bestowers of wealth, the
 dispensers of
 purity;

4. The scatterers of the malevolent, the
 defenders
 of the virtuous, the irresistible, the mighty lords,
 the
 donors of good dwellings, ever young, very
 powerful,
 omnipresent, leaders of heaven, the sours of ADITI:
 I
 have recourse to ADITI, who is gratified by
 mine
 adoration.

5. Father Heaven, innocent mother
 Earth, brother

¹ Of the *Vasus* on earth, the *Rvdrat* in the
 firmament,, the
*Adiyya** in heaven.